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REQUESTING AN AGENDA ITEM FOR THE CIWMB MARCH 2003 BOARD MEETING
REGARDING THE APPROVAL OF THE LOS ANGELES AREA REGIONAL AGENCY

Dear Mr. Schiavo,

This letter serves to announce the formation of the Los Angeles Area Integrated Waste Management Authority, also known as the Los Angeles Area Regional Agency (LARA), a Joint Powers Authority currently representing 14 jurisdictions in the Los Angeles County. The LARA members request that the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) schedule an item for the March 2003 Board meeting to approve the LARA as a Regional Agency as allowed per Public Resources Code Sections 40970 through 40975. With CIWMB approval, LARA will be the responsible agency to submit a consolidated AB 939 Annual Report for member jurisdictions, in order to reduce the cost of reporting and tracking of disposal and diversion. The LARA will also work towards the implementation of regional waste reduction and recycling programs for its members, to decrease the amounts of solid waste reaching disposal facilities.

Beginning in January 2002, jurisdictions in Los Angeles County have met several times to discuss and then draft the Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) for formation of the LARA. After the JPA was drafted, it was distributed to all potential members for a 45-day review period. Comments were taken from many potential members and discussed in a public meeting, with consensus on final modifications. The final JPA was distributed to all potential members in August 2002. The twelve charter members have approved, signed, and returned the JPA to forward to the CIWMB for approval.

Our staff have consulted extensively with CIWMB staff, particularly Elliot Block who provided sample approved agreements and assisted in the development and review of the JPA. Steve Uselton of the Office of Local Assistance (OLA) participated in the initial formation meeting, and our staff will work closely with OLA to provide the tools and information needed for Annual Report review. CIWMB staff have provided much needed assistance to staff in the formation of the LARA.



If you have any questions, please contact me at (213) 473-8242. We are looking forward to working with the CIWMB on regional reporting and programs.

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Attachments: Joint Powers Agreement (with individual signature pages from all participating jurisdictions)

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